



Training Academy Recruit Class 345 consisting of six outside hire paramedics, graduated from Recruit Fire Training October 13. They will join Class 346 in their formal graduation ceremony next spring. The Class Members held an afternoon bar-b-que for invited friends and family and prepared lunch for the TA staff to show their appreciation in helping them achieve this milestone in the beginning of their careers. The members demonstrated some of the skills they learned while at the TA for friends and family by extinguishing two car fires that were "well off."



Deputy Fire Chief Pat Johnson retired December 10 after 34 years of service. Appointed to Engine 8 in 1972, Johnson spent his entire career in the Firefighting Division. He plans to take it easy and travel with his wife. Congratulations!



Rescue Squad One assisted animal control officers in rescuing a deer that had somehow fallen into the tidal basin on October 23. Pictured above (dressed in yellow turnouts) are David Keefe (left) and Charles Sviland.



DFC Richard Moore passed the wrench on to A/DFC John J. Burger Friday, December 9. Chief Moore retired after 28-1/2 years on the job, most recently as the Deputy Chief of the Apparatus Division. Good luck!



Fire/EMS Chief Thompson presented thank you plaques to Associate Dean Sheldon F. Greenberg and Ms. Maureen Benson of the John Hopkins University Public Safety Leadership Program. This fall, the group from Johns Hopkins hosted three Leadership Group Discussions with Fire/EMS Captains, Battalion Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs. The university will prepare a report of its findings for the Fire/EMS Chief which can serve as a resource for further changes and improvements to the Department.

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Death Notices

The department regrets the passing of the following retired and active members: Retired Firefighter Calvin Richmond who passed away on September 28, 2006; Retired Firefighter George O. Seldon who passed away on October 25, 2006; Retired Deputy Fire Chief Joseph E. Zeis who passed away on October 2, 2006; Retired Firefighter Donald E. Yates who passed away on November 24, 2006; and active member Tarick Ali (T-15-1) who passed away following an illness on November 28, 2006.



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The DC Fire & EMS Department held a community open house for residents of Tenleytown and surrounding neighborhoods to celebrate the completed renovation of Engine 20 on October 28, 2006. Engine 20, Truck 12 and Ambulance 20 are now operating from their historic home base at 4300 Wisconsin Avenue, NW. Battalion Chief 5 has also been relocated to operate out of the new facility. An added benefit is that Engine 20 now operates as a Paramedic Engine Company (PEC).

52nd Annual One Fund Drive

The 52nd District of Columbia One Fund Drive officially began in November and runs through February 28, 2007. Pledge Cards for DCFEMS employees have been distributed and contributions are being accepted.

The One Fund is the District government's only official charitable fundraiser. DC government employees pledge their support annually to not-for-profit, charitable organizations in the Washington area. The campaign administrators are the United Black Fund of Greater Washington, DC and the United Way of the National Capital Area. This year's campaign theme is, "52 Years of Giving from One District; Diverse & United."

This year, Fire/EMS Adrian H. Thompson is the citywide Chair of the One Fund Campaign. Please help us make this campaign year as successful as possible.

The campaign goal is \$1 million in contributions District wide and Fire/EMS is hoping to raise at least \$60,000. Please Give.

★★★ Adrian H. Thompson,
Fire/EMS Chief
Anthony A. Williams, Mayor

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Please e-mail your births, deaths, retirements, marriages or other personal news to share to gwendolyn.smith@dc.gov. Submissions are requested no later than the third Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m.

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New York Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton has taken a special interest in FEMS trainees. On Wednesday, September 13, she met with members of recruit class 343 and accepted a helmet and 9/11 commemorative flag.



Congratulations to members of the DC Fire & EMS Department who completed the Marine Corps Marathon October 29. Pictured left to right: Firefighter Jamie Stapleton (E23#3), Sergeant Roger Anderson (DFC Aide#3), Firefighter Charles Sviland (RS1#3), Sergeant James Gordon (TA), Firefighter Dennis Carmody (E6#3), Captain Jeff Herbert (E6#1), Lieutenant Craig Duck (E6#3).

News from MIS

Following is the schedule for MIS to perform additional network upgrades. When this project is totally complete, remote sites will experience faster network speeds. At the same time, we will be updating our inventory listing via a thorough inventory check at every site.

Dec 11 – 15

Engine 20

Engine 31

Engine 28

Engine 22

Engine 24

Engine 14

Dec 18 – Dec 22

Engine 25

Engine 33

Engine 15

Engine 32

Engine 19

Engine 13

Engine 7

Fire Boat

Dec 26 – Dec 29

Fire Prevention

Special Ops

Fleet

Property Warehouse

• **Did you know** – you can see how MIS is performing by going to our intranet page: fems.in.dc.gov, then selecting the "MITS" link, and "MITS Monthly reports."

There you can find reports on network performance, help desk call volume and resolution time, and more!

• **By the end of the calendar year**, all station alerting (run sheets, reader board, and printers) will no longer be transmitted via radio frequency and through the MOSCAD. Station alerting will now run over the FEMS network, allowing us to provide better and more consistent alerting. It will also enable us to send run sheets to multiple locations.

• MIS and UCC have been working hard to resolve long-standing SunPro issues. We are in the process of completing an upgrade that will resolve gaps in data in SunPro.

Lt. Sean Egan (E-4-4) is pictured distributing one of 50 turkeys donated by the DC Fire and EMS to Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care.



• **Cell phones** – anyone with a FEMS issued cell phone will receive a replacement and upgrade in the coming weeks. Ronald Tresvant, Telecommunications Specialist, will be in touch with cell phone holders upon completion of roll out schedule. To preview the new model, please go to: <http://nextelonline.nextel.com/NASApp/onlinestore/en/Action/SubmitRegionAction>, and search for model number ic502. These new phones will put all FEMS users on Sprint phone services, but still allow us to utilize Nextel "Walkie-Talkie" functions. Users are responsible for purchasing additional accessories for the phones. Thanks to Chief Vlassopoulos for help on this project.

• **Virtual Private Tokens (VPN)** expired November 30. Please contact the CWITS VPN Operations Group immediately via email at vpnops@dc.gov to coordinate a free token exchange as soon as possible.

• **Current MIS research projects:**

- Replace Omni Forms partnered with Professional Standards
- Roll out of on-line ordering of supplies agency wide partnered with Facilities
- Firehouse software implementation

Anyone who has an agency laptop please bring it back to the MIS so that we can install tracking software on it. This software will track the laptop ONLY in the case that it is

lost or stolen, and can remotely wipe the contents of the machine if it is not able to be located. This update is a requirement for any Agency laptops, and is not only a preventive security measure, but in response to the many recent articles of government laptops turning up missing and data being compromised. Please drop your laptops off to Ed Leonard in Room SB5 at the Grimke building. Updates will take no more than two days.

MIS is finally replacing Omni Forms! We will be converting all of our Omni Forms in the coming weeks to Microsoft Info Plan. Want a preview? On your computer, go to: Start (lower left hand corner); Programs; Microsoft Office, InfoPath.

By the end of December, MIS will have published the FEMS Internet and Email policy. This policy MUST be signed off by all FEMS staff. Further details will be released with the official memorandum.



On November 6, 2006 Cadet Class 12 graduated during a ceremony held at Gallaudet University's Kellogg Center. The 16 cadets were recruited through the DC Department of Employment Services, Youth Opportunity Program. They completed an intensive one-year curriculum at the Fire/Ems Training Academy and are now beginning their careers as DC Fire/EMS firefighter/EMTs.

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